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1. BEFORE RESPONDING TO COMMERICAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA, (CBE), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND ETHIOPIAN SPICE EXTRACTION COMPANY (ESEC) ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF A, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION ON LEGAL BASIS FOR POINTS RAISED PARAS 2 AND 4. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF LINKAGE OF THE TWO ISSUES OF COMPENSATION AND NON-PAYMENT FOR GOODS SUCH THAT FAILURE OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMPENSATE KALAMAZOO COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT POSSIBLE SUITS IN U.S. COURTS BY CBE OR ESEC TO RECOVER MONEY OWED BY KALAMAZOO OR THAT EPMG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAYMENT OF LOAN TO CBE.

2. ONE INCORRECT STATEMENT IN REFTEL ACCOUNT SHOULD BE CORRECTED. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY NORWEGIAN BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS DETAINED FOR OVER TWO YEARS. THE NORWEGIAN MANAGER OF MOSVOLD DEPARTMENT STORE WAS IMPRISONED FOR TEN DAYS IN APRIL. WHILE MOSVOLD HAS HAD FURTHER PROBLEMS (SEPTELS), THE MANAGER HAS NOT BEEN REARRESTED. TIENKEN

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